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# Newsletter

GRADUATE SCHOOL ★ USDA

May 1, 1961

To the Faculty, Committee Members and others  
associated with the Graduate School:

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 2      Faculty Luncheon - Spedden A. Hause, Division Commercial Manager of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company and a participant in the 1956 Institute of Humanistic Studies for Executives at the University of Pennsylvania, will speak on "The Liberal Education Program."

May 29 -    Registration for summer session

June 3

June 5      Classes begin

Four new members named by Secretary Freeman to our General Administration Board bring a wealth of experience in government and education. They are: Under Secretary Charles S. Murphy, Assistant Secretary Frank J. Welch, Administrative Assistant Secretary Joseph M. Robertson, and Civil Service Commission Chairman John W. Macy, Jr.



Mr. Murphy



Mr. Macy



Dr. Welch



Mr. Robertson

Mr. Murphy, a lawyer, is former Special Counsel to President Harry S. Truman. A native of North Carolina and a graduate of the Duke University Law School, he came to Washington in 1934 as law assistant in the Office of the U. S. Senate Legislative Counsel to the Senate, and then joined President Truman's staff. For the past eight years he has practiced law as a member of the Washington firm of Morison, Murphy, Clapp, and Abrams.

Dr. Welch, a college administrator, has a long record of service on public commissions dealing with important issues both in and out of agriculture. He comes to Washington from Kentucky where--except for a 14-months' leave of absence--he has served since 1951 as Dean of the College of Agriculture and Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station and Agricultural Extension Division of the University of Kentucky. During his leave of absence, he was one of the three directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Before going to Kentucky, Dr. Welch spent 18 years in educational posts in Mississippi. He began his career as a high school teacher and subsequently held posts as State Director of Adult Education, then as head of the Department of Economics and Sociology at Mississippi State College, and finally as Dean of the School of Agriculture and Director of the School's Experiment Station. He earned his doctorate in economics at the University of Wisconsin following undergraduate work at the University of Mississippi and studies at the University of Colorado, which earned him an M. A. He holds an honorary LL.D. from Berea College in Kentucky.

Mr. Robertson, new chairman of the Board, is a native of Kentucky. From 1952 until he came to Washington in February, he served as Commissioner of Taxation and as Director of Tax Research in the Minnesota Department of Taxation. During this period he was a part-time political science instructor in the Extension Division of the University of Minnesota. He holds an A. B. degree from Western Kentucky State College, an M. A. from the University of Alabama, and has done graduate work at the University of Minnesota. At both Alabama and Minnesota he was a Fellow in the Southern Regional Training Program for Public Administration.

Mr. Macy, returned to Washington in March from Connecticut where for the past three years he has been Executive Vice President of Wesleyan University, his alma mater.

Mr. Macy entered Government service in 1938 as a participant in the administrative intern program of the National Institute of Public Affairs. His career with the Government includes posts with the Social Security Board, the Office of the Secretary of War, the Air Transport Command--during three years of military service--and the Atomic Energy Commission. He was a deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army from August 1951 to August 1953, and then became Executive Director of the Civil Service Commission, a post he held until 1958.

Secretary Freeman's appointments bring our General Administration Board to full complement. Other members are Ernest C. Betts, Jr., Director of USDA Personnel, C. O. Henderson of the Office of Personnel, R. E. McArdle, Chief, Forest Service, Byron T. Shaw, Administrator of the Agricultural Research Service, C. N. Shepardson, Governor, Federal Reserve Board, R. B. Tootell, Governor, Farm Credit Administration, and Oris V. Wells, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

The General Administration Board is scheduled to meet on May 10, 1961.

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The American quarrel over education--what it is and should be-- has been ascribed to an instinctive awareness of the vital relationship between education and the quality of our society and perhaps the survival of mankind.

We were reminded of the many points at issue as we listened to James E. Russell speak at our faculty luncheon last month.

Dr. Russell, Secretary of the Educational Policies Commission, National Educational Association, outlined the purposes of education in a national democracy as they are being redefined by his group.

The central purpose of American education, as he sees it, is to help every student develop his rational powers. For what has changed in our world is the expanding role accorded to the rational powers of man. In times of radical change, the common sense born only of experience is not enough.

"Universal higher education will be required. For man in the future faces a situation that is wholly novel. He can't emote about it, ignore it, be reverential, or awe-struck. He will have to think."

Dr. Russell emphasized the need for more research on rational processes. Very little work is being done except for a few studies such as those of Jerome Bruner and his group at Harvard. (Incidentally, I have a copy of Dr. Bruner's book, "The Process of Education" in my office and will be happy to loan it to you.)

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The Graduate School is offering two programs for groups from abroad this summer. John Sherrod will coordinate a course in Science Reference and Bibliography for six agricultural librarians brought to this country under the auspices of the Rockefeller Foundation. Mr. Sherrod, a member of our faculty since 1958, is Chief of the Science and Technology Division of the Library of Congress.

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Philip Aylesworth will coordinate a program of training in Public Administration in Agricultural Development for 15 foreign leaders brought to the United States by ICA. The group will spend three weeks, beginning June 19, at the University of Wisconsin, and return to Washington for the second half of the course. Mr. Aylesworth, who joined our faculty in 1949, has recently moved from the Federal Extension Service to the post of assistant to Assistant Secretary Frank J. Welch.

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Vera Jensen attended the annual meeting of the American Association of College Bookstores in Miami during the last week of April.

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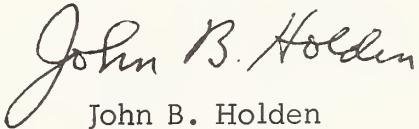
Copy of "PROMISE OF THE LIFE SCIENCES," our lecture series in the fall of 1960, is ready for printing. We hope to issue the book in June.

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I represented the Graduate School at the Inauguration of Dr. James M. Nabrit as President of Howard University last week, and will be attending the Inauguration of Dr. Thomas Henry Carroll, II, as President of George Washington University this week.

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Sincerely,



John B. Holden  
Director